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SUBJECT: FISHERIES: VIOLATION OF U.S. CONTIGUOUS FISHERIES
ZONE

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1. MOFA'S ECONOMIC COOPERATION SECTION CHIEF KIM, KYON CHIN
CALLED IN EMBOFF JULY 20 TO DISCUSS ALLEGED VIOLATION OF
U.S. CONTIGUOUS FISHERIES ZONE BY KOREAN-REGISTERED DONG
BANG 71. KIM MADE FOLLOWING POINTS.

AS NON-SIGNATORY TO 1958 GENEVA CONVENTION ON LAW OF
SEA, ROKG DOES NOT FORMALLY RECOGNIZE EXCLUSIVE FISHERIES
ZONES DECLARED BY OTHER STATES. HOWEVER, AS PRACTICAL
MATTER ROKG HAS CAREFULLY INSTRUCTED ITS FISHING FLEET
CAPTAINS TO RESPECT U.S. CONTIGUOUS FISHERIES ZONE.
THEREFORE, IF DONG BANG 71 DID VIOLATE U.S. ZONE, ROKG
BELIEVES INTRUSION WAS UNINTENTIONAL AND RESULT OF HUMAN
OR MECHANICAL ERROR.

SECONDLY, KIM NOTED THAT VESSEL WAS FISHING FOR
NON-CONTROVERSIAL BOTTOM FISH RATHER THAN SALMON OR
OTHER PROTECTED SPECIES.

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THIRDLY, KOREA HAS FAITHFULLY ADHERED TO THE PRO-

VISIONS OF THE U.S.-KOREA FISHERIES AGREEMENT. IN VIEW
OF THE FOREGOING, ROKG FORMERLY REQUESTS AMICABLE AND
EXPEDITIOUS RELEASE OF DONG BANG 71.

2. FYI: KIM OBSERVED IN CONFIDENCE THAT APART FROM
ANY FINES WHICH MAY BE LEVIED ON THE VESSEL'S CAPTAIN
OR THE DONG BANG COMPANY, THE SHIP IS INCURRING LOSS
OF APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 FOR EVERY DAY THAT IT STAYS IDLE
IN THE JUNEAU PORT. DECONTROL 7-30-74.
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